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Cologn, August 21. *N. S.*

THE Elector Palatine is not yet set out for Frankfort, whither it is thought the Baron de Sickengen will be appointed to repair on his behalf, in order to assist at the Election of an Emperor. The Electors and Ambassadors already arriv'd, are daily in Conference upon several Points relating to the Ceremonial, and meet with many Difficulties in that Affair. However, it is believed the Session will be open'd in a few Days, the Prince of Savoy making pressing Instances for that purpose.

From the Camp before Bouchain, August 24. On Saturday the 22d, all the Waggons of the Army were employed in bringing forward the Fascines, Gabions, and other Materials, that had been prepar'd for breaking Ground: The same Night we drew two Lines of Contravallation, parallel to the Town, between the Senset and the Lower Schelde, about four hundred Paces from the Enemies Outworks; and last Night we open'd the Trenches at three several Attacks, two against the Upper Town, to be carry'd on by thirty Battalions and twelve Squadrons, Commanded by General Fagel, and under him, at the Attack on the Right, the Lord North and Grey, and on the Left Lieutenant-General Colyear, with four Majors General, and four Brigadiers. There are likewise on that side, besides the Troops appointed for the Siege, forty Squadrons under the Command of General Dopf, and twenty Battalions Commanded by Lieutenant-General Withers, to observe the Enemies Motions. The third Attack, against the Lower Town, is to be carry'd on by the rest of the Army, encamp'd between the Upper and the Lower Schelde, under the Direction of Lieutenant-General Schwartzell, with two Majors General and four Brigadiers. For the opening the Trenches against the Lower Town, there were order'd two thousand five hundred Workmen, with four Battalions to cover them; and for each of the other Attacks two thousand Workmen, and four Battalions to cover them, to be reliev'd, during the rest of the Siege, by three Battalions at each Attack, and the Workmen by such Numbers as shall be thought necessary. We perfected our Parallels and Communications at each Attack with very little Loss. The Enemy made two Sallies on the other side the Schelde, but were immediately repuls'd. My Lord Duke of Marlborough having Advice from the Earl of Albemarle at Tourray, that the second Convoy of Artillery and Ammunition for the Siege, would set out from thence to Morrow Morning, under a Guard of ten Battalions and five Squadrons; his Grace has order'd thirty Squadrons, under the Command of General Lumley, to march and post themselves between Valenciennes and St. Amand, where they are to remain for the Security of the Convoy, till the whole shall arrive at Marchienne.

Brussels, Aug. 25. *N. S.* Our Letters from the Frontiers advise, That one hundred and sixty Officers belonging to the French Army were broke the last Week, by Order from the Court, for not having their Companies compleat at the Review of th Army. On the 23d instant, five hundred Frenc Horse were order'd to march from the Army towards St. Quintin, to prevent the Incursions the Allies may make on that side. At the same time four Battaliors and a Regiment of Dragoons wer detach'd to Quesnoy, and the like Number of Battalions to Valenciennes. They write from Hanover, That the Elector set out from thence on the 20th for Veyhausen in the Duchy of Zell, where he proposeth to continue a few Days for the Benefit of Hunting. The late Elector of Bavaria continues at Luxemburgh, having entirely laid aside his Design of going to Command the French Army on the Upper Rhine, where he cannot promise himself any Success from the Condition the Forces are represented to be in, in those Parts. We are advis'd from the Army of the Allies before Bouchain, that all things are preparing for the Attack of the Place, and that the Enemy have drawn off all their Cannon from the Hauteurs of Wavrechin.

Hague, Aug. 25. *N. S.* Monsieur Palmquist, the Swedish Minister, has presented a Memorial to the States, relating to the Trade with Riga, and the other Towns in those Parts that have been conquer'd by the Muscovites; whereupon the States had that Affair Yesterday under their Consideration, and are preparing an Answer to be return'd to the said Memorial. They write from Paris of the 17th, that an Envoy was arriv'd at the French Court from the Czar of Muscovy, by whom he is sent to propose the establishing a Trade between the two Nations. Soon after his Arrival, he was in Conference with the Marquis de Torcy on that Subject; but it is not yet known what Answer or Encouragement he has received from that Minister. Our Letters of the 21st from Hamburgh advise, That an Express was arriv'd at Dresden with a Confirmation of the late Victory obtain'd over the Turks: But as our Letters from Dresden of the 18th make no mention of any such Express, we do not give an entire Credit to those Advices. The King of Denmark arriv'd at Rostock on the 15th Instant; and having left six hundred Men in Garrison in the Place, he encamp'd with the rest of his Forces without the Town, and gave Orders for landing the heavy Artillery with the utmost Expedition. The Muscovites and Saxons continue their March towards the Duchy of Mecklenbourg, in order to join the Danes. A Body of Swedes that had been posted at Schwet for the Defence of that Passage over the Oder, retir'd from thence upon these Motions of their Enemies. King Stanislaus is at present in Stralsund, where all the necessary Dispositions are made for a vigorous Defence. They write from Warsaw, that Prince Apraxin, High Admiral of Muscovy, had penetrated with fifteen thousand Men into Tartary, and taken the strong Fortress of Precop, situated on the Isthmus of the Peninsula. Monsieur Dalwich, Minister to the States-General, from the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel, set out from hence this Morning in his return to Cassel. We are advis'd from Lisle, that the Mareschal de Villars decamp'd with the French Army on the 22d, and march'd towards Cambray.

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